the concerned State Government is ready to bear 50% of the loss (25% in case of North Eastern States), in its implementation.

Decline in growth rate of foodgrain production

*156. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that annual growth rate of foodgrain production has slipped from 16 per cent in 1991-96 to merely 2.9 per cent in 2001-05;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a fall; and

(c) the special steps contemplated for the last phase of the Tenth Five Year Plan to improve this growth rate and the targets fixed for these years?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir. The annual average growth rate of foodgrains production during the period 1990-91 to 1995-96 was only 0.57%, as against 2.06% during the period 2000-01 to 2004-05.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) For the year 2005-06, the target of foodgrains production has been fixed at 215.00 million tonnes which would give a growth rate of 5% over the preceding year. The target for the terminal year of the Tenth Plan, i.e. 2006-07 will be fixed before the commencement of the ensuing agricultural year. To achieve this growth, several schemes/initiatives are under implementation which include: (i) Integrated Crop Development Programme (ICDP) for Wheat, Rice, Coarse Cereals; (ii) Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM); (iii) Efforts are on to Enhance Sustainability of Dry Land Farming Systems in the arid and semi arid regions of the country particularly in the districts having low annual rainfall and less coverage under assured irrigation; (iv) Enhancing irrigation efficiency, including increasing areas under micro irrigation; (v) Increasing production and productivity of crops through research and extension.

Model stations in Uttar Pradesh

†*157. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan to give model look to some of the stations in the State of Uttar Pradesh under the Tenth Five Year Plan;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount allocated for this purpose and the number of stations made as model stations, so far; and

(d) the amount spent thereon, so far?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) and (b) With a view to provide upgraded passenger amenities, 37 stations in the State of Uttar Pradesh have been nominated as model stations out of which 21 stations have been completed. List of these stations is enclosed as statement. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) All passenger amenity works including those at nominated Model Stations are carried out, out of funds allotted for each railway zone under the head 'Passenger Amenities'. The State of Uttar Pradesh is served by five Zonal Railways. The details of the passenger amenity funds allotted for each of these five Zonal Railways along with approximate actual expenditure upto October, 2005 is as under:

(In Rs. crore)

Railway	2005-06	
	Funds allotment Budget Estimates	Actual Expenditure upto Oct. 2005 (approx.)
Nothern	21.83	12.88
North Eastern	9.25	3.75
East Central	31.93	9.88
North Central	6.24	2.88
West Central	3.80	4.92

Separate statistics for allotment of funds and actual expenditure is not maintained State-wise on the Railways.

Statement

Number of Model Stations in Uttar Pradesh

Sl.No.	Name of Model Station	Railway Zone	Remarks
1.	Mughalsarai	East Central	Work in progress
2.	Ayodhya	Northern	Work in progress
3.	Bareilly	Northern	Completed
4.	Baraut	Northern	Work in progress

Sl.No.	Name of Model Station	Railway Zone	Remarks
5.	Baghpat Road	Northern	Work in progress
6.	Faizabad	Northern	Work in progress
7.	Garhmukteshwar	Northern	Completed
8.	Ghaziabad	Northern	Work in progress
9.	Lucknow	Northern	Completed
10.	Meerut City	Northern	Work in progress
11.	Moradabad	Northern	Work in progress
12.	Prayag	Northern	Work in progress
13.	Rae-Bareli	Northern	Work in progress
14.	Saharanpur	Northern	Work in progress
15.	Varanasi	Northern	Completed
16.	Agra Cantt.	North-Central	Completed
17.	Agra Fort	North-Central	Work in progress
18.	Aligarh	North-Central	Completed
19.	Allahabad	North-Central	Completed
20.	Etawah	North-Central	Work in progress
21.	Jhansi	North-Central	Completed
22.	Kanpur Central	North-Central	Completed
23.	Mathura JN.	North-Central	Completed
24.	Tundla	North-Central	Completed
25.	Badshah Nagar	North-Eastern	Completed
26.	Ballia	North-Eastern	Work in progress
27.	Basti	North-Eastern	Completed
28.	Deoria Sadar	North-Eastern	Completed
29.	Gonda JN.	North-Eastern	Completed
30.	Gorakhpur	North-Eastern	Completed
31.	Izzatnagar	North-Eastern	Completed
32.	Katra	North-Eastern	Work in progress
33.	Lucknow JN.	North-Eastern	Completed

Sl.No.	Name of Model Station	Railway Zone	Remarks
34.	Mau Jn.	North-Eastern	Work in progress
35.	Manduadih	North-Eastern	Completed
36.	Pilibhit	North-Eastern	Completed
37.	Rawatpur	North-Eastern	Completed

Cotton variety by CICR

*158. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR) has been able to introduce the Cry1Ac gene in an Indian cotton variety and the Institute's Bt variety is likely to hit the market in the next two years; and

(b) if so, the special features of the CICR's Bt variety?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The transformed genotypes are in contained open field trials at CICR, Nagpur following the protocol of Review Committee on Genetic Manipulation (RCGM).

(b) The Bt transformed genotype(s) are expected to have less incidence of bollworm, acceptable fibre properties and are likely to be suitable for cultivation in north, central and south zones of the country, respectively.

Scheme for health infrastructure development in rural areas

†*159. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government schemes to develop infrastructure relating to health in rural areas;

(b) the funds reserved for rural areas under Health for All Scheme;

(c) whether any special scheme would be formulated to provide medical facilities at a cheaper rate in view of economic condition of rural poor; and

(d) if so, the expected outline thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) The Health and Family Welfare programme in the country is being implemented through the primary health care system. In rural

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